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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process of treating a fabric comprising the steps of applying, in any order, to said fabric a first composition and a second composition, and a surfactant wherein upon contact of said ~~two~~ first and second compositions heat is generated, ~~and wherein said first and second compositions are one of the following types of combinations of compositions:~~
 - ~~a) both liquids; or~~
 - ~~b) one of said compositions is a solid and one of said compositions is a liquid, wherein the liquid of such a solid/liquid combination comprises water and at least one additional ingredient that contributes to heat generation.~~
2. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the heat generation is provided by an exothermic process either of chemical or physical nature.
3. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the heat generation is provided by an exothermic process either of chemical or physical nature selected from the group consisting of: dissolution of organic or inorganic salts; oxidations or reductions; hydration of substantially anhydrous compounds; and acid/base reactions; and mixtures thereof.
4. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein said first composition comprises a first compound of a binary heat generating system and said second composition comprises a second compound of a binary heat generating system.
5. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from the group consisting of organic and inorganic salts and mixtures thereof; and said second compound is selected from the group consisting of: water; and polar solvents; and mixtures thereof.
6. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from the group consisting of an oxidizing agent and a mixture thereof; and said second compound is selected from the group consisting of a reducing agent and a mixture thereof.

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7. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from the group consisting of: anhydrous zeolites; anhydrous alumino silicates; and mixtures thereof; and said second compound is selected from the group consisting of: water; and polar solvents; and mixtures thereof.
8. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from the group consisting of: organic and inorganic acids and mixtures thereof; and said second compound is selected from the group consisting of: organic and inorganic bases and mixtures thereof.
9. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein said fabric is a carpet.
10. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the heat generated (ΔT) upon contact of the two compositions is at least 1° C when measured upon the fabric.
11. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein one of said compositions is a solid composition and the other of said two compositions is a liquid or solid composition.
12. (Original) A process according to claim 11, wherein the other of said two compositions is a conventional carpet treatment/cleaning composition or water.
13. (Currently Amended) A process for cleaning a carpet comprising contacting a carpet with a first composition, and a second composition and a surfactant wherein upon contact of said ~~two first and second~~ compositions with each other, heat is generated to provide a carpet cleaning benefit, ~~and wherein said first and second compositions are one of the following types of combinations of compositions:~~
 - ~~a) both liquids; or~~
 - ~~b) one of said compositions is a solid and one of said compositions is a liquid, wherein the liquid of such a solid/liquid combination comprises water and at least one additional ingredient that contributes to heat generation.~~
14. (New) The process of Claim 1 wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, zwitterionic surfactants and mixtures thereof.
15. (New) The process of claim 1 wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of sulfosuccinate surfactants, sulfosuccinamate surfactants, sulfosuccinamide

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surfactants, carboxylate surfactants, sarcosinate surfactants, alkyl sulfate surfactants, alkyl sulphonate surfactants, alkyl glycerol sulfate surfactants, alkyl glycerol sulphonate surfactants, zwitterionic betaine surfactants and mixtures thereof.

16. (New) The process of claim 1 wherein said surfactant is a mixture of a sulfosuccinate surfactant and a second anionic surfactant.

17. (New) The process of Claim 13 wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, zwitterionic surfactants and mixtures thereof.

18. (New) The process of claim 13 wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of sulfosuccinate surfactants, sulfosuccinamate surfactants, sulfosuccinamide surfactants, carboxylate surfactants, sarcosinate surfactants, alkyl sulfate surfactants, alkyl sulphonate surfactants, alkyl glycerol sulfate surfactants, alkyl glycerol sulphonate surfactants, zwitterionic betaine surfactants and mixtures thereof.

19. (New) The process of claim 13 wherein said surfactant is a mixture of a sulfosuccinate surfactant and a second anionic surfactant.